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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

Responsive to the August 3, 2004 requirement for election of species in the above-identified patent application, the applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 29, 30, 37-41, 44, 46, 49, 52 and 53, allegedly drawn to a species of the invention as representatively illustrated in FIG. 11, for continued prosecution in the application, including the alleged generic claim 1, and acknowledge the temporary withdrawal from consideration of the claims 3, 5, 10-28, 31-36, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 50 and 51, allegedly drawn to other species.

Respectfully submitted,

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